

## FOURTH EDITION

## ARMY OF POTOMAC.

## OFFICIAL WAR GAZETTE

## One of the Most Desperate Battles of the War.

## ENEMY REPULSED.

## All of our Guns Recaptured.

## REELS LOSE TEN THOUSAND MEN WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

WASHINGTON, August 27, 10:20 A. M.—  
Major-General DIX.—On Thursday, the 23d, General Hancock, who was south of Ream's station, was attacked several times during the day, but he repulsed the enemy at every assault.

At 4 o'clock P. M., a combined attack was made on his centre and left, which, after one of the most desperate battles of the war, resulted in the enemy withdrawing from the field, leaving their dead and wounded on the ground.

The details are given in the following brief official reports of General Grant, General Meade, and General Hancock:

The following has just been received, dated

SECOND ARMY CORPS, August 26.—For General Humphreys.—The attack about 5:30 P. M. was probably intended to be simultaneous by Wilcox on my centre and Heath on my left.

The enemy formed in the woods, placed their artillery in position, and opened a heavy cannonade, lasting about fifteen minutes. They then assaulted Miles' force. He resisted tenaciously, but the enemy broke his line. Some of Gibbons' troops were hurried over to repair the damage, and the enemy only gained a slight foothold.

They soon attempted on my extreme left, driving Gibbons' Division from his line. His men had been much wearied, rushing over to General Miles and back during the repeated assaults.

General Gibbons succeeded in forming a strong line, and the enemy, who were pressing on with great enthusiasm, were severely checked by the dismounted cavalry under General Gregg, which he handled with incomparable skill. General Miles regained most of his intrenchments, distinguishing himself.

All he had to work with were such small parties as could be rallied and formed by staff officers. The fighting was continued till dark, the enemy being held in check by artillery, dismounted cavalry, and skirmishers.

At dark we withdrew for reasons stated.

The Chief of Artillery reports that he lost about two hundred and fifty horses.

The enemy made no advance up to a late hour last night, holding, as far as could be seen, some of our captured guns with their skirmish lines. They must have suffered heavily. My own loss, including cavalry, will perhaps not exceed twelve or fifteen hundred; though this is surmise, as the command is not yet organized.

Captain Brownson of my staff was mortally wounded, and died during the night.

Colonel Walker, A. A. G., is missing.

Tale acknowledged to have been one of the most determined and desperate fights of the war, resembling Spottsylvania in character, though the number engaged gives it less importance.

A few more good troops would have given us victory of considerable importance.

I forward these forenoon prisoners from the field, Wilcox and Heath, and Major Angel, of my staff, saw and conversed with two prisoners of Mahon's Division last night. I do not find them this morning. They said Mahon's Division, with the exception of one brigade, was there.

(Signed) W. S. HANCOCK, Major-General.

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant-General.—The following is just received:

SECOND CORPS, August 26, 12:30 P. M.—A sentinel that was left on the battle-field remained there till after daylight this A. M. At that time the enemy had all disappeared, leaving their dead on the field unburied. This shows how severely they were punished, and doubtless hearing of the arrival of reinforcements, they feared the results to-day if they remained.

(Signed) G. G. MEADE, Major-General.

The following is just received:

SECOND ARMY CORPS, 26, 1 A. M.—To Lieutenant-General Grant.—Since sending my last despatch, I have conversed with the sentinel referred to. He did not leave the field till after sunrise. At that time nearly all the enemy had left, moving towards Petersburg.

He says they abandoned not only their dead but their wounded also. He conversed with an officer who said their losses were greater than ever before during the war.

The sentinel says he was over the field and it was covered with the enemy's dead and wounded. He has seen a great many battlefield, but never saw such a sight. There were very few of our dead, nearly all being of the enemy.

All our wounded are brought off, but our dead are unburied.

I have instructed Gregg to make an effort to send a party to the field and bury our dead.

(Signed) G. G. MEADE, Major-General.

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant-General.

Our forces hold the Weldon road, and in a despatch dated at 3 P. M. yesterday, General Grant says that their loss of this road seems to be a blow to the enemy he cannot stand.

I think I do not overstate the loss of the enemy in the last two weeks' battles at ten thousand killed and wounded. We have lost heavily, but our loss has been mostly in captured when the enemy gained temporary advantages.

The number of Rebel prisoners taken on our side has not yet been reported.

General Grant makes the following report of an unsuccessful attack by the enemy on General Butler's picket line on Thursday morning.

The enemy drove in Butler's picket line. The picket guard soon rallied, however, and drove the enemy back, and re-established their line.

The result was one killed and sixteen wounded, and fourteen missing, on our side.

Two commanding officers and fifty-nine enlisted men were captured from the enemy. What their casualties were in killed and wounded we do not know."

LEWIS M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

## UNITED STATES CHRISTIAN COMMISION.

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Young People's Temperance Society, New York, per Mrs. Anna C. Tuckett, Secretary.

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